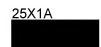
Approved For Release 2001/03/05 : Change P82-00457R0062005 25X1A Shell Of CALLUS OFFICIALS ONLY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT NO. INFORMATION REPORT CD NO. DATE DISTR. COUNTRY USER Sverdlovsk Oblast) 22 Nov. 1950 SUBJECT Construction of New Model Tank in Railroad Car NO. OF PAGES 2 Factory No. 183 in Nizhni Tegil PLACE NO. OF ENCLS. ACQUIRED 25X1A RETURN TO CIA DATE OF SUPPLEMENT TO LIBRARY INFO. Early 1950 REPORT NO. 25X1X 1. The construction of tanks was continued only in the southern part of the railroad car assembly shop of the Railroad Car Factory No. 183 in Mizhni Tagil. Production figures could not be given. According to Soviet statements, about 10 to 15 improved T-34 tanks were to be produced per month. The Soviets also stated to Pija that only engines were delivered to the plant. 2. All sourcesunanimously state that the improved T-34 tank had the chassis of the T-3h on which a new turret was fitted. Seen from on top, the turret was elliptical and had slanting, rounded-off sides. (All sources) The turret was estimated to be 1.2 meters long, 1 meter wide, and about 30 cm high. The tank turret had one or two entrance hatches. All 25X1X of the gun at 102 or 105 nm rather than the usual caliber of 05 mm. Other weapons 25X1X were not observed. Two in contradiction to The type of the track remained 25X1X chains, two others of plate unclear. chains. Estimates of the whoth vary between 60 and 90 cm. A cowling, reaching almost as far as the ground, was occasionally observed on track and support rollers. 3. Any kind of intermediate layers or coatings on the steel body were 25X1X 25X1X total height of the tank was much lower than that of the T-ju. estimates of the height vary between 1.8 and 2 meters. The unusual starting speed and the estimated speed of about 80 km per hour on the plant road were striking features. A confusion with an SP gun is out of the question, since the rotatability of the turret was observed by all sources. type of tank was an experimental con-25X1X struction, since the tanks were tested on a practice ground and, in most cases, returned to the plant. to have seen that, in February 1949, about 200 tanks of the type described were loaded on trains along with other motor vehicles of a unit. The vehicles were so crammed and so possible secured that, in the opinion of could not possible than a long transportation. 25X1X CLASSIFICATION OFFICIALS CALY STATE NAVY NSRB ARMY FBI Document Nd. No Change In Class. Declassified Class. Changed To: TS Approved For Release 2001/03/05 : CIA-RDP 92-0 ተቆናሾች

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Comment. No definite comment can be given on the new type of tank. The report is forwarded because the observation of an improved T-34 tank might be of importance. This development activity side by side with a low rate of production agrees with previous observations made in other plants of the tank industry.

